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I've shared the press call information with the reporter. - George

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Below, please see statement I intend to provide on-camera **today at 1:30 pm MST**. If any clarifications or corrections needed, please let me know ASAP!

Thanks.

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What are the real impacts of this spill to people or the environment?

EPA toxicologists, working together with scientists from many other federal, state, and tribal agencies, are working to answer that question. At this point, concentrations of acid mine water and metals in the Animas River appear to be falling and presenting little risk to fish and to people who would swim, paddle, and otherwise recreate on the river. However, the risk to people through drinking water still needs to be evaluated. Also, the long-term risks to the environment, including impacts to bugs and the aquatic ecosystem, will likely require more extensive evaluation.